

## BASEBALL STOCK GOES ON MARKET MONDAY MORNING

Shares to Be Disposed of at \$100 Each—Same as Old Three-I Prices.

### MOLINE FOR THE ISLANDERS

Plow City Will Send Delegate to Burlington Meeting to Boost for Central Team Here.

That Rock Island is practically sure of a berth in the Central association was occasioned today when local promoters of the project here announced that the stock in the Rock Island baseball club for 1914 will be placed on sale Monday morning. The shares will sell at the same price as the old Three-I league stock, namely \$100 each, and those who will canvass the situation here Monday expect to dispose of at least 25. Judging from the reports of business men on all sides, there will be but little trouble in selling the stock and assuring Rock Island of the vacant berth, and by Monday night the promoters of the game here expect to have the necessary number sold. This will mean \$2500 for the team, and with this amount a franchise can be secured, the team financed for the time being, the guarantee money sent to President Justice and success practically assured the Islanders.

#### Moline for Rock Island.

Secretary A. G. Brown of the Greater Moline committee, in an interview with The Argus today, says that Moline is in favor of Rock Island all the time, and will lend their every effort to this city in its quest for the Central association berth. Rock Island lent Moline its support while the fans of that city were after the berth, but when the proposition fell through the Islanders at once went after the Kewanee franchise.

Moline has been invited to send a delegate to the Burlington meeting, and Mr. Brown stated today that the city would send a man who would host for Rock Island to get into the league. He pledged the Plow City's support in the project, and believes that the fans there will turn out in force to the games here this summer.

## Quips and Quirks

BY H. F. POD.

### Flashes of Genius.

He put his arm about her waist, She did not cry or whimper. But she explained quite easily. Her waist was hanging on the line.

A pretty girl a little faint. Makes her look like what she 'aint. A little rain, away it goes; Preckled face and turned up nose.

"Joe Tinker was my dearest friend," Charles Murphy was heard to say; "I'm sure he will not take our bats And uniforms away."

A young lady of Ohio recently donated her father's clothes and eloped with the man of her heart. A headline in one of the newspapers regarding the event read as follows: "Kloss in Father's Pants."

E. W. Krause, a former heavyweight prize fighter, was held up by a couple of thugs in Cleveland a few days ago. Krause let loose and when he had finished the would-be burglars were taking the count of ten. And now why not call Krause as the new "white hope"? We haven't seen any of those things on the horizon for some time.

### Pertinent Pointers.

War is exciting; so is baseball. Can you imagine a baseball war?

We have seen girls who look like those on the magazine covers; but never any resembling those in the current ads.

The Quincy Herald said recently that "Peanuts" Schieberl has been in the fight game for five years. We have never yet seen any 16-year-old kids in the ring.

A man who follows the medical profession is not necessarily a doctor or a physician. He might be an undertaker.

### Around the Corner.

Two Rock Island men were going in right angle direction and both reached the corner of Seventeenth street and Second avenue at exactly the same moment. Result, a collision, great being the impact. The second man looked real angry while the polite man, taking off his hat, said: "My dear sir, I don't know which of us is to blame for this violent encounter, but I am in too great a hurry to investigate. If I ran into you I beg your pardon; if you ran into me don't mention it," and he hurried away at redoubled speed.

Cleveland—Harry Weiss, internal revenue collector for northern Ohio, mailed to John D. Rockefeller at Tarrytown, N. Y., tax blanks for the listing of Mr. Rockefeller's income under the federal income tax law. Weiss,

## WINS FIRST HONORS AT A BIG SKI MEET



Lars Haugan.

Lars Haugan of Arcadia, Wis., carried off first honors for professionals at a ski meet conducted by the Norge Ski club at Gary, Ind., the other day. He made jumps of 137 and 129 feet. Cold and wind handicapped the skiers and spills were frequent.

said the tax to be collected either here or at Tarrytown would be about \$2,250,000.

## KLOVE'S COLTS WIN FROM ALEDO

Local Bowlers Defeat Mercer County Squad—Blondie Was High Man for Evening.

Klove's Colts, who are tied for first place in the Island City Bowling league, defeated the Aledo team at that city last evening by a large margin. Both teams ran into a large number of splits during the evening which held the score down.

The Rock Island men left here yesterday afternoon with all intention of winning three games by a large score, but when they started bowling they at once knew that there was a harder contest before them than they were looking for, and the first game went to Aledo by five points. The local team then became alarmed at the results and decided to steam up, and took the second game, with the result that they won that game by a number of pins.

Klove was the high scorer for the evening, making 139 in the first, 174 in the second and 182 in the final game, which made a total of 515 pins. Val, entire of the Aledo team made the high score for the team.

The local boys were well pleased with the way they were treated, and will plan to treat them likewise when they invade this city. Klove is trying to secure a return game in this city, to be played Friday, Feb. 27, if the alleys can be secured.

The results are as follows:

KLOVE'S COLTS.				
Van Eiken	126	174	179	449
Clemons	156	179	150	476
Taylor	148	172	126	446
Klove	159	174	182	515
Johnson	146	168	149	463
725 829 788 2352				
ALEDO.				
Valentine	167	173	172	512
Conder	145	168	115	428
Bjorkman	162	125	155	442
Olin	151	151	118	420
McKinney	127	128	154	409
710 715 714 2139				

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE IN FIGHT FOR PENNANT

Eight interesting basketball contests are scheduled for this afternoon and tonight in the junior and senior divisions of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday School league, with two or three of the teams closely matched and in a struggle for top position.

The Broadway, First M. E. and Swedish Lutheran teams are closely bunched in the senior division, the latter two being tied for second, while the Broadway quintet leads the league by one game. The M. T. five and the Baptists are close in the junior division, the former leading by one-half a game.

This afternoon's contests in the junior division are scheduled as follows: First M. E. vs. Fifteenth Avenue Christians.

## MURPHY WILL SUE AMERICAN MOGUL

Uses Strong Words Expressing His Opinion of Major League President.

### CHICAGO LIKES CHANCE

Syndicate Will Make Effort to Get the Peerless Leader Back if Cubs Can Be Purchased.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14.—Vowing that he will have vengeance and shutting threats of defiance, President Charles W. Murphy of the Cubs delivered a stormy interview yesterday afternoon upon his return from the chaotic baseball meeting in New York. The Cub boss was due in Chicago at 2 o'clock, but his train was delayed. A few minutes after 5 o'clock he entered his office, where his new manager, Hank O'Day, his secretaries and several newspaper reporters were awaiting him.

Without wasting time for salutations, Mr. Murphy faced the reporters and said:

"I'm going to give you an interview. Now, listen and get these exact words. I'm going after that big Ran Johnson, tomorrow morning for conspiracy and slander. Be sure to get those words—big. There's a suit of clothes in it for every fellow who gets them in the paper."

Terms Too "Strong" to Print.

The newspapers refrain from printing the words used by Mr. Murphy but substitute dashes. The reader may fill in as he pleases and have no fear of making it too strong. After delivering his first statement Murphy retired to his private office for a word with Hank O'Day, then returned to the war scries, who expectantly awaited more news.

"Now I'm ready to answer any and all questions," said the Cub boss; but before any one could put a query the magnate went into another tantrum of defiance.

"The Cubs are not going to be sold. I'm in baseball to stay, and no one is going to force me out of the game. I am not going to stand for Ban Johnson's methods any longer, either. I'm going to sue him for conspiracy and slander right away. I'm going to find out if there's any justice in the courts. He's a big, arrogant, fourflushing, double crossing scoundrel."

Ban Johnson is a bad man to have in baseball and I'm going to try to put him in the penitentiary. I don't care if it costs me \$100,000 or even \$200,000 and I say this while I am perfectly calm and dispassionate."

Chicagoans Want Chance.

An effort to bring about the return of Frank Chance, former manager of the Cubs, to the position which he filled for so many creditable years on the West side, will be made by the coterie of local business men, headed by James A. Pugh, Charles A. McCulloch and William H. Thompson, if their endeavors to purchase the Chicago National league baseball club from Charles W. Murphy result successfully.

Failing to reach the Cub magnate by wire in New York the day before, the aforementioned committee of three renewed its offer yesterday by letter, addressed to the club's offices in the Corn Exchange Bank building, as follows:

Dear Mr. Murphy—Confirming telegram sent you at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, Feb. 12, as follows: "We are offering you the best proposition so will appreciate your best proposition. We are prepared to act quickly if terms are satisfactory."

Since sending this wire we have been informed that you left New York before the telegram could be delivered, and we, therefore, confirm the same by letter. We will be pleased to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience, if it meets with your approval.

Think Murphy May Change Mind.

In spite of the positive announcement by President Murphy that he would entertain no proposition for the purchase of the Cubs, the syndicate of would-be backers remained hopeful that more mature consideration of the desperate situation confronting him would change the mind of the Cub owner. So confident of this were its members that they seriously discussed the probabilities of obtaining the consent of the American league to restore Frank Chance to the position of club manager, and planned to confer on the subject with President Johnson today on his return from New York.

A meeting was held in the offices of Mr. Thompson, at which reports were received indicating that the proposition to purchase the Cubs had met with favor. Mr. McCulloch announced that shortly after he reached his own offices in the morning he was informed by three board of trade men that \$250,000 in cash had been subscribed by Cub supporters on the board to be advanced if needed for the purchase of the Chicago club.

Evers Signs With Boston.

New York, Feb. 14.—John J. Evers, the deposed Cub manager, signed a four-year contract with the Boston Nationals at the Waldorf yesterday afternoon. Up to the time he placed his name on paper the Federal leaguers were hoping that he would desert organized baseball.

It appears that late Thursday night Evers had a talk with the Federal leaders, who offered him \$15,000 a year and a four-year contract, together with \$15,000 in cash in advance, if he would sign with them. Evers had promised President Gaffney of the

Bostona several hours before that he would not consider any proposition until yesterday morning, and he kept his word. He appeared at Mr. Gaffney's office at the appointed time with his lawyer and a copy of his Chicago contract.

## PROMOTER GIBSON CALLS OFF PACKEY-GIBBONS GO

New York, Feb. 14.—Because Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons failed to live up to the original agreement of dividing 50 per cent of the receipts of their proposed ten round contest, scheduled for New York March 9, has been declared off by Promoter Gibson of the Fairmount club.

Some "inside information" concerning the match became public property when it was learned Promoter Gibson had bungled things up considerably in arranging the match. Emil Thiry, McFarland's manager, last night said Packey demanded more money than the original offer because he learned that Gibbons also was to receive more.

It appears that Promoter Gibson had made an effort to satisfy each fighter quietly without letting either know the arrangement made to take care of his opponent financially. Thiry also said that the original offer was not 50 per cent as announced when the match was closed. According to McFarland's manager each fighter was guaranteed \$7,500, with a privilege of 35 per cent of the gate.

## WANT ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT GAME

The game and fish conservation commission of the state of Illinois had in mind such terrible stories as are now sweeping over the country when they announced their policy of establishing game preserves. In keeping with this policy, they today call upon all sportsmen, farmers and other people interested in the conservation of game to take whatever steps they possibly can to prevent the perishing of game. An hour a day, especially by persons who know the places frequented by game, and a little feed will save more quail and other game than is killed by all the sportsmen in the state.

## ANDREW MATH BUYS JOUT HACKSTADT STORE

Announcement is made today that Andrew Math, for 13 years associated with his brother, F. J. Math, in the bakery business, has purchased the confectionery store of Charles W. Hackstadt, 1400 Fifteenth street. He will take possession next Monday.

Benefit Warrant Received. John Simmons, who died Jan. 25, held a certificate in the Court of Honor for \$1,000. The completed claim proofs were received by the society on February 9. A warrant for \$1,000 was forwarded by the society to Recorder Willie M. Baumbach on Feb. 12, in full payment of the claim.—(Adv.)

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the Argus Files of 1889

(From The Argus Files of 1889) Feb. 8.—Funeral services over the late Rev. Charles Engel were held yesterday afternoon at the German Lutheran church, Rev. C. A. Menckele officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. Fred Deukmann, Louis Pföh, William Zeig, Ed Hoffman, Fred Brockman and J. Scherer.

Feb. 3.—Chairman J. W. Cavanaugh of the committee on arrangements has secured reduced rates on all railroads for the industrial fair which opens soon at the Rock Island rink.

Feb. 16.—The Hysinger was slashed across the right arm with a razor and his clothes were cut in several places in an encounter in the lower end of town. His assailant has not been caught.

Feb. 12.—Principal W. H. Hatch of the high school has formally accepted the superintendency of the Moline city schools and he will enter upon his new duties the first of the school year.

Feb. 13.—The Amateur Theatrical company of South Rock Island will give an entertainment at Moline soon.

Feb. 14.—Charles N. Harris of Davenport paid a visit to Rock Island last night, starting for his home about midnight. And nothing has been heard of him since. Much anxiety is felt by his friends.

## UNION EFFECTED BY POULTRY MEN AT CONFERENCE

Mississippi Valley Poultry Association and Tri-City Organization Consolidate.

### 1914 PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Greatest Show in This Section of the Country Anticipated as Result of Move.

Two committees, one representing the Mississippi Valley Poultry Association and the other the Tri-City Poultry association, met last evening at the offices of Dr. W. C. Volstead in Davenport and by unanimous vote decided to consolidate the two organizations. The officials of the former have worked hard to accomplish the union and are in a happy frame of mind today as the victory means much to them.

Now that the consolidation of all the poultry interests in the three cities has been effected, it will enable them to hold the largest show in the Mississippi valley, outside of Chicago. Over 1,200 birds were entered at the show here last fall, and about 800 at the show in Davenport. The show next fall will be held during Thanksgiving week at the Armory hall in Davenport and it is predicted that over 2,200 birds will be entered. More poultry raisers will take part and greater competition will result, making the coming show a larger, better and more interesting one than any that has ever been held in this section of the country. Specialty clubs are being organized among the members, which will afford higher class entries in their respective classes.

Although the associations have affiliated, they will retain their individual memberships and board of directors. A board of 12 men from each organization will be chosen to constitute a board of control. The Mississippi Valley Poultry association, now have 18 members on the board of directors, and the board of control will be chosen from among the 18.

#### The Committees.

Following are the committees who effected the consolidation: Mississippi Valley Poultry association, E. C. Boniger, Davenport; O. F. Freeman, Moline; W. J. Sweeney and Dr. O. M. Myers, Rock Island. Tri-City Poultry association: John Raester, P. F. Farrell, C. D. Preston and E. C. Winkler, Davenport.

Peking, China.—A presidential mandate was issued accepting the resignation of Hsiung Hsi-Ling, the Chinese premier, and appointing Sun Pao-Chi as acting premier until a definite nomination is made.

## To the Voters of Rock Island County

Having in view the agitation to make this locality anti-saloon territory, with intent to enforce absolute prohibition, we feel it incumbent upon us to express our opinions regarding this movement, in clear and pointed terms.

As citizens of Rock Island county, which includes in its boundaries the prosperous and progressive cities of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, we deem that we have its interest, welfare and advancement as much at heart as any of our neighbors. Also we lay claim to having just as much personally at stake, since it is in this county that all our property is located and it is here that we have our homes.

We do not hesitate to declare without equivocation that the liquor question is one of the most vital importance to the people and government of this country, and we assert that it must be dealt with courageously, and, at the same time, in a spirit of utmost fairness, with entire freedom from passion and prejudice.

Accordingly we submit to the calm judgment of our fellow citizens, with abiding faith in their common sense and their desire to do what is manly and fair to all, that the present prohibition agitation is:

A menace to business interests.

A blow aimed at the growth and advancement of this whole locality.

An attack upon the liberty of the individual.

A misdirected effort to correct abuses which the laws heretofore existing are ample to correct, if they are properly enforced.

We further condemn this agitation, because we are convinced that its success would not have and could not have the results expected from it by those promoting it; because we feel quite justified, on the grounds of experience and observation, that prohibitory laws and votes do not prohibit, that prohibition, instead of meaning temperance, means, in all cases, more intemperance, and that such legislation seeks needlessly to abridge the personal wishes, rights and liberties of many. We urge that such needless abridgement engenders hatred and resentment, fosters a general disregard of law and operates to make law-breakers out of many who are otherwise law-abiding and that, moreover, it furnishes precedent for further invasion of the wishes, rights and liberties of the people, in matters pertaining to appetite, apparel, worship and recreation.

In its aspect with regard to its relation to material affairs, we also believe, prohibition is a deterrent to advancement, depreciates and even destroys property values while on the other hand it increases taxation, takes from the community the revenue derived from the liquor business, discourages investments by increasing the ordinary timidity of capital, throws many out of employment and actually drives large numbers of citizens to seek homes elsewhere.

Accordingly, we are firmly of the opinion that the solution of the great problem now under consideration is to be found not in prohibition in any form or under guise, but in the use of wise legislation, supplemented by new laws if such are found to be required to bring about proper regulation of the liquor business. By such means, we are sure, the wishes of the public will be most fully met, and that constant fear of having their business, built up under existing laws, destroyed, and their accumulations of years dissipated, removed permanently from the minds of those engaged in that line of trade.

In conformity with these views we make the following

## DECLARATION

Saloons, being public places of resort, should be under strict control, supervision and regulation and we heartily favor such measures, and insist that all immoral and illegal accessories of the saloon business shall be absolutely divorced from the saloons.

We do not believe that a majority, no matter how great, have the moral right to force upon a minority, such legislation as will result in oppression and tyranny and in the destruction of liberty and property.

We believe in the greatest personal liberty consistent with public good, and that the public good does not and should not require men to sacrifice their individuality, or their business and property interests through restrictive governmental process.

We believe that "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS," as declared by the founders of our national government, belong by right to all our people, and that upon the maintenance of our civil, religious and political liberties, rests the future security, progress and prosperity of the government.

We believe that true liberty consists in the privilege of enjoying one's own rights, not in the destruction of the rights of others.

We believe that "EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE" should be the basis of all law enactments and their application.

Believing that benefits from the application of the principles we have here defined, can be more readily obtained and retained through wise and conservative legislation, where such legislation is now lacking, we hereby pledge our support to measures and men that sustain such principles, and we call upon all citizens who have at heart the future welfare, happiness, growth and prosperity of our cities and the county to join with us in this pledge and to use all honorable means to discountenance this prohibitory movement which is fraught with so much possibility of constant disturbance of the relations of men and of business interests, and which is, in consequence, a present and decided menace to our prosperity and advancement.

Vote "NO" on the Local Option Question

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